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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

In response to the action mailed February 20, 2003, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claim 44 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 27 and 43 as follows:

27. (Amended Once) A method of monitoring gene expression of virally encoded nucleic acid from virus infected cells within an organism, said method comprising:

(a) administering a Paramyxoviridae virus to said organism, wherein said Paramyxoviridae virus comprises a nucleic acid sequence encoding a heterologous polypeptide, and wherein said heterologous polypeptide is released from infected cells into a biological fluid of said organism when expressed, and

(b) detecting the amount of said heterologous polypeptide in said biological fluid, thereby providing an indication of the amount of said gene expression.

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